FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. H. 4300

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TO: The Honorable Ronald P. Townsend, Chairperson, House Education and Public Works

Committee

FROM: Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board

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SUBJECT: Domestic Violence Hotline on Driver's License

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 4300 amends Sections 56-1-140 and 56-1-3370 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as they relate to the specifications and the issuance of Driver's License and Special Identification Cards. The Bill would have the National Sexual Assault Hotline and the National Domestic Violence information placed on the back of the Driver's License and the Special Identity Cards.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) indicates there will be a fiscal impact to the General Fund of the State of approximately \$7.4 million for the redesign and possible enlargement of the credentials to implement the requirements of the proposed Bill. The Bill would require one-time costs of approximately \$6.92M for hardware, software, and installation. Recurring costs of \$437,000 would be required for annual maintenance costs. DMV issues approximately 1,830,000 new Driver's Licenses, renewed license or duplicate licenses per year. The information currently on the back of license is required information and should the additional information be a new requirement; the current size of the license would have to be enlarged to accommodate the new information. Implementation of these requirements would take a period of 12 to 24 months.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

DMV states that the requirements of this Bill would exclude the South Carolina Driver's License from compliance with the national standards and it could not be used as a certified form of personal identification.

Approved by:

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